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▶ No pants? No problem. Red Line riders disrobe for fun.

Leggy riders cause train reaction

Hundreds of participants took part in the fifth annual "No Pants Subway Ride" yesterday. A worldwide event, riders "dropped trou" while riding the T, subjecting themselves to the cold weather and the occasional odd look from other passengers. MBTA officials said they had no problem with the no-pants party. {page 04}

Playing fare: MBTA scammers go to court

After allegedly pulling off the largest fare evasion scheme in history, four people accused of selling fake CharlieCards are set to be arraigned today {page 02}

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Groups rally outside Boston church

Roughly 70 people gathered outside the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in South Boston yesterday, holding signs, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Boston Globe's publication of records documenting the church sex-abuse scandal.

"We wanted to call attention to the fact that we don't believe the problem has been resolved," said Barbara Blaine, president of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests.

Blaine said the group flew in from Chicago for the weekend to meet with other organizations for a conference called "Solidarity Around the World."

She said part of the message was to rally for statute of limitation reform for reporting abuse.

"Most of us as victims, we aren't able to report it until we are well into adulthood when [those] limitations have already expired," she said.

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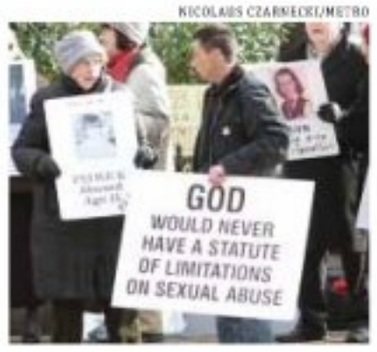

Protesters held pictures of themselves as children.

"We wanted to say to Catholics, we hope you continue to demand the exposure of truth," said Blaine. METRO/SA

Alleged T scammers due in court today

Four people responsible for largest fare evasion scheme in history have court dates ◗ Two will be arraigned after statewide grand jury indictment

Four people allegedly responsible for the largest fare-evasion scheme in MBTA history are scheduled to be in court today.

According to the attorney general's office, Joceline Townes, 41, of Attleboro and Alex Saunders, 28, of Beverly, will be arraigned after a statewide grand jury indicted them in November for receiving stolen property and conspiracy.

▶ Townes

Townes' brother, Andres, 27, of Revere, is also due in court for a hearing. He was arrested last year for allegedly producing thousands of unauthorized T passes worth millions of dollars. He worked for Cubic Transportation Systems, an independent vendor that handled the fulfillment of T passes purchased online and over the phone.

▶ Escobar

Townes and Saunders, along with Gloria Escobar, 27, of Revere, and Susan Gillis, 46, of Foxboro, sold the illegal passes online through Craigslist after they received them from Andres Townes, authorities said. The passes, worth about $250 each, were sold at a discount by the group who then split the profits, according to authorities.

Escobar is due in court today for a conference hearing.

The scam, which authorities believe dates back to November 2007, was finally brought down when a Commuter Rail conductor questioned a faded pass that a rider said she bought through Craigslist.

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▶ This legit CharlieCard may be more expensive than a fake one, but it's legal.

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The group is accused of producing and selling tens of thousands of fraudulent T passes worth millions of dollars.

Green Line workers to wake up

Apparently MBTA workers along the Green Line had to be reminded to keep their eyes open on the job.

According to a Boston Herald report, a memo was posted in the staff booth on the Green Line platforms reiterating to T employees that they must not sleep or give the appearance of sleeping while on duty.

The notice was posted because "recent events had made it necessary to reissue a reminder," according to the notice posted. METRO

In the news

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Number of Massachusetts colleges that landed on U.S. News & World Report's list of places where coeds accumulate the highest student loan debt. According to the report, Eastern Nazarene, Bard and Mount Ida colleges averaged some of the highest debts after graduation in 2010. METRO

Today's local tweet

"[The] Biggest problem with HD 55-inch screen: Tim Tebow's fever blister is the size of my fist."

@GREENMELINDA WATCHING THE BRONCOS AND STEELERS ON THE BIG SCREEN SINCE THERE WAS NO PATRIOTS GAME SUNDAY

News neighbors

BOSTON. Longtime rivals, The Boston Globe and Boston Herald, will cohabitate and print under one roof. Patrick J. Purcell, president and publisher of the Herald, said the Globe will print and distribute copies of the Herald in the Boston area. The deal won't include sharing content. METRO

Ski death accidental

SHREWSBURY. Safety officials said there were no violations at a Shrewsbury resort where a teen fell to his death from a ski lift. According to reports, the 18-year-old Nipmuc Regional High student, suffered a seizure before falling 30 feet to the ground. METRO

Storefront worries

BROOKLINE. Parts of Coolidge Corner are beginning to look like a ghost town. According to a Boston.com report, town officials will meet tonight with residents who have expressed worry about the lack of businesses in a once-bustling area outside of Boston.

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At Logan, TSA finds two with ammo in luggage

- First passenger tells JetBlue security he forgot he had pistol magazine
- Second passenger almost brought empty shell aboard Southwest plane

Two people were stopped at Logan Airport during the weekend in separate incidents for allegedly having ammunition in their luggage.

According to police reports, officers responded to the first incident at the JetBlue security checkpoint where a TSA screener saw a pistol magazine while X-raying the luggage of a 55-year-old male passenger from Connecticut.

The passenger told police that he forgot about the ammunition in his bags, and cooperated with officers.

The man was licensed and had no criminal record, according to police.

▶ TSA kept ammo off of Logan planes this weekend.

A summons was issued for unlawful possession of ammunition and the passenger was allowed to board his flight after a thorough screening, according to police.

The second incident took place at the Southwest security checkpoint, when a passenger allegedly had a shotgun shell in his baggage.

According to police the shell was empty and devoid of shot and was confiscated. No charges were filed.

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▶ The commuter rail contract is going out to bid in 2013.

Commuter Rail won't be run in-house

BOSTON. The MBTA won't be bringing the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail services in-house.

Citing potential issues with cost management and accountability, T acting General Manager Jon Davis said the "preferred option is to continue to outsource both operations and maintenance." Davis said the transit agency would be pressed for time to make it a public option due to legislation that would need to be filed.

The MBTA has been outsourcing the management of the commuter rail services to MBCR since 2003.

The contract for MBCR, a private company, ends in June next year, at which point they will go head-to-head with other potential bidders to manage the railway system. METRO/SA

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Hundreds drop their pants for annual prank

- Many do strip T's for annual 'No Pants Subway Ride'
- Reactions mixed as barelegged customers boarded

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▶ Event organizers said similar barelegged debauchery was taking place all over the country yesterday as part of a national celebration.

Hundreds of people descended upon Dewey Square yesterday, but they weren't there to Occupy Boston. They were preparing to ride the T without pants on.

"It's liberating," said 28-year-old Coalton Bennet. "You get to feel the nice breeze between your legs."

Bennet joined a swarm of supporters who spent Sunday afternoon spontaneously undressing their lower halves on multiple MBTA trains.

The fifth annual "No Pants Subway Ride," hosted by the Boston Societies of Spontaneity, left unsuspecting passengers subject to seeing peoples' cheeks and thighs as they took a T ride.

"I saw one guy without pants and thought maybe he lost them last night," said Margot A., 24, as she took out her iPhone to take photos. "Then I saw another guy without pants. It's strange."

On the Red Line from South Station, all was quiet as crowds gathered at the platform waiting for a train.

Once everyone boarded, those participating suddenly, and slowly, started to strip away their sweatpants, exposing their bare legs.

A pantless Ken Reed said he wasn't embarrassed.

Twitter reactions

- **@merineum:** There is a distinct lack of pants on the red line today.
- **@CKPFashion:** hahaha does the mbta wipe the subway down after?
- **@michelleacmoore:** I know it's no pants day on the T, but this dude and his stuff is making me extremely uncomfortable

"Watching peoples' reactions is the best part," he said, standing in boxer shorts.

When they were done dropping their drawers, partakers partied it up sans-pants at Kings Back Bay.

According to MBTA Spokesman Joe Pesaturo, the event has never been a problem for the transit agency.

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Gabrielle Giffords marks anniversary of shooting

- 8 people gunned down last year
- 13 others hurt
- Congresswoman making miracle recovery

Bells rang across Tucson early yesterday marking the exact time last year the city was rocked by a deadly shooting spree that left Rep. Gabrielle Giffords gravely wounded.

Bells ringing at 10:11 a.m. local time, the moment of the Jan. 8, 2011, shooting, were among the first of a day of remembrance events for survivors and Tucson residents across the city.

Giffords made a surprise visit late on Saturday to the grocery store where a pistol-toting gunman pumped bullet after bullet into a crowd gathered for her congressional outreach meeting a year ago.

"When you think on it, it's a healing moment."
DICK GUTHRIE, A VETERAN CONGREGANT

Gunfire struck and killed six people and wounded 13 others including Giffords, who was shot through the head and has been recovering at a Houston hospital.

About 200 people gathered at an Anglican church in north Tucson, near the scene of the shooting, for a service that remembered victims.

"When you think on it, it's a healing moment," said Dick Guthrie, a veteran congregant who said he had known Giffords since she was a teenager.

Gary Huckleberry, whose daughter witnessed the shooting and suffered trauma, said he found the service healing.

"A lot of us have come a long way since that date a year ago. For some people it will take much more time to get over it, but having this service ... was healing," he said.

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▶ Tucson resident Kelly Hardesty places flowers at a memorial yesterday for the six people that lost their lives in a deadly shooting last year in Tucson, Ariz.

Arab league refuses to call for UN help in Syria

The Arab League urged the Syrian government yesterday to stop its violence against protesters and allow Arab monitors in the country to work more independently, but stopped short of asking for United Nations experts to bolster its peace mission.

The arrival last month of Arab monitors in Syria to see if the government was honoring a pledge to end a crackdown on a popular revolt has not ended the violence, in which the United Nations says more than 5,000 people have been killed.

The Arab League group on Syria said the government had only partly implemented a promise to stop the crackdown, free those jailed during the crisis and withdraw its troops from the cities. **REUTERS**

Rivals turn up heat on GOP front-runner

- Mitt Romney 'dinged but not seriously dented' in back-to-back debates
- Faces scrutiny on political record, attack ads, pressure from Obama

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▶ Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich got into it during the debate, while Ron Paul was stuck between.

Republican front-runner Mitt Romney emerged yesterday from back-to-back debates in New Hampshire a bit dinged but not seriously dented as rivals stepped up attacks to slow his march toward the presidential nomination.

Two days before voters in the small New England state head to the polls for the first 2012 primary election, Romney took heat on a number of topics: his record as governor of neighboring Massachusetts, the attack ads run by an outside group on his behalf and a suggestion he would wither in the face of attacks from Democratic President Barack Obama.

But there was little to suggest the former venture capitalist had suffered any setback in a pair of debates Saturday night and yesterday morning in New Hampshire, where he is heavily favored to win.

"Romney was dinged in the second debate, but not seriously wounded," said Larry Sabato, political analyst at the University of Virginia. "Basically, the candidates firmed up their own individual base but I don't think they took much away from Romney either in terms of Republicans or independents."

Slowing Romney's momentum has taken on new urgency in the face of polls showing he is also favored in the South Carolina primary on Jan. 21, despite being seen as less socially conservative as his competitors in the church-going southern state.

Romney's campaign has said that jobs and the domestic economy will be the focus of voters across the country this year, overshadowing other factors.

Although Romney's win in the Iowa caucuses on Tuesday was an eight-vote squeaker over Rick Santorum, backing it up with a win in New Hampshire would be a feat never achieved by a Republican candidate who is not an incumbent, adding to a sense of inevitability about his candidacy. REUTERS

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"If his record was so great as governor of Massachusetts, why didn't he run for re-election?"

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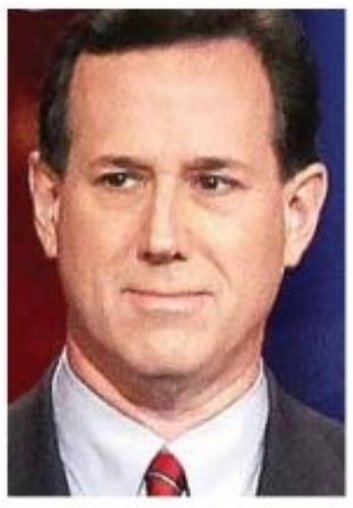

Newt: Mitt too moderate

House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich said Romney would "have a very hard time getting elected."

"There's a huge difference between a Reagan conservative and somebody who comes out of the Massachusetts culture who essentially has a moderate record," Gingrich said during the debate.

Gingrich's popularity in Iowa cratered in the face of millions of dollars of attack ads run from a super PAC, an outside group that was supporting Romney.

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▶ Panetta

Military strong despite cuts

WASHINGTON. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta cautioned global rivals yesterday not to misjudge U.S. plans to slash military spending in the next decade, saying America would still field the world's strongest military and nobody should "mess with that."

Panetta, speaking on CBS's "Face the Nation," also reiterated the tough U.S. stance toward Iran's threat to close the Strait of Hormuz, which is vital for oil shipping in the Gulf, saying the United States would not "tolerate" it. REUTERS

US expels Venezuelan diplomat

MIAMI. The United States has declared Venezuela's consul general in Miami persona non grata and says she must leave the country by tomorrow.

The diplomat, Livia Acosta Noguera, is alleged to have discussed possible cyber attacks on the US while based at the Venezuelan embassy in Mexico in 2008.

The FBI has been investigating the comments, it was reported yesterday. METRO

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▶ After April 27

The most stressful days of 2011

NEW YORK. April 27, 2011, when an outbreak of tornadoes killed more than 300 people, was the source of the most stressful day of 2011, according to year-end data from Gallup.

The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index polls Americans on a daily basis on various health-related topics, among them their levels of stress.

Using this methodology, the index was able to determine that the most stressful day of 2011 was April 27. Coming in at a close second was April 15, which many will recognize as Tax Day (though taxes were actually due on April 18, 2011, due to a holiday in D.C.). MAINSTREET.COM

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▶ South African war veterans stand guard in front a poster bearing pictures of former South Africa presidents Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki, as well as current President Jacob Zuma.

100 years of ANC: Has South Africa come full circle?

A black bull bellows and snorts in its death throes, sacrificed with a ceremonial spear in an age-old African cleansing ritual to ward off evil spirits and appease the souls of ancestors.

South African President Jacob Zuma led the purification ceremony over the weekend at the site where the ruling party he leads, the African National Congress, was born 100 years ago. The birth launched decades of exile, protest and armed struggle that finally ended apartheid white-minority rule in 1994, when elections ushered in a multiracial democracy.

As the ANC celebrated its 100th birthday yesterday — in a $12.3 million commemoration that included a huge banquet for invited heads of state and guests, a splurge of celebrity music shows and even a golf tournament — many were clamoring for the party itself to clean up its act after nearly 18 years at the head of Africa's most powerful economy.

40%

Rebecca Motsele, a feisty, diminutive 76-year-old resident of Soweto township, complained that the government was not doing enough to help the poor and hungry and create jobs for the 40 percent of South Africans who are jobless.

Under such legendary leaders as Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and Oliver Tambo, who endured persecution and imprisonment, the ANC gained near-mythical status. Once the yoke of apartheid was thrown off, it began ruling South Africa in a blaze of international goodwill that viewed it as a moral beacon for a troubled continent and world.

Close to two decades later, this image has dimmed as critics inside and outside the country and movement accuse ANC leaders of indulging in the spoils of office, squandering and raping mineral resources and engaging in vicious power struggles. REUTERS

Ruling elite conspicuous

BLOEMFONTEIN, SOUTH AFRICA. Although there is no question that emotional support for the ANC, its history and its ideals remains high among a majority of South Africans, anger at the luxurious lifestyles and conspicuous consumption of many of the ruling elite and their business backers burns strongly.

So does a widespread sense that the ANC has not delivered on its post-apartheid promise to provide "a better life for all."

A lifetime vice-president of the South African Council of Churches who was imprisoned in the 1970s under apartheid, 84-year-old Sally Motlana has accused Zuma and his ruling group of espousing narrow factionalism and has blasted the Zulu rituals — such as the cleansing — with which he likes to surround himself. REUTERS

"Where is the rainbow nation at this [centenary]?"
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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Beyonce gives birth to baby; names her 'Blue'

Beyonce Knowles and **Jay-Z** reportedly welcomed their daughter over the weekend, according to E! News. The baby, named **Blue Ivy Carter** (although some outlets are saying her name is "Ivy Blue Carter"), was delivered on a private floor of New York's Lenox Hill Hospital that the superstar couple had reportedly paid $1.3 million to rent out. And while mom and baby recuperate, security is remaining high: Hospital workers have reportedly put tape over surveillance cameras, and employees' mobile phones are being confiscated when they arrive for shifts, sources tell the New York Daily News.

▶ The proud parents met their Hova-ette this weekend.

There had to have been a musical motive to naming the child Blue (rhymes with "My boo?"). While it's not likely the name was inspired by albums by **Joni Mitchell** or **Weezer**, I bet every time she does a doodle they can call it "The Blueprint" and "The Blueprint II." That, and it would have been weird to name her "Hova-ette."

Yet another celebrity engagement/ pregnancy

Sienna Miller has stopped her homewrecking ways, it seems (remember when she allegedly broke up the marriage of **Balthazar Getty**?). The actress and boyfriend **Tom Sturridge** are ready to get married and have a family, though which they'll do first isn't clear. Miller recently confirmed she's expecting her first child in June, and now word comes that Sturridge popped the question during a recent vacation to Paris, according to Life & Style. "They're engaged and really happy. Her family is happy, as they absolutely adore Tom," a source says. "He filled their hotel suite at the Ritz with flowers and presented her with a vintage Victorian ring."

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Scary. Sightings

▶ Jason Segel: Eek!

How I met ... a zombie?

Someone needs to make sure Jason Segel gets a nap, stat. The "Muppets" actor looked worse for wear at the 23rd annual Chicago Film Critics Awards Press Conference at the Ritz Carlton on Saturday.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Joel McHale is tempting fate, Kanye West is always at work, Denise Richards is letting her daughter do the shopping and Carrie Fisher is looking for a replacement.

▶ **@joelmchale:** Hey @kanyewest, what have you been doing lately?

▶ **@kanyewest:** The world is our office

▶ **@DENISE_RICHARDS:** Lola is funny always writing #'s down of products on tv..she wants me to order slushy magic..anyone try it?

▶ **@CarrieFFisher:** I suddenly feel I've been miscast as Carrie Fisher. I am holding auditions. The pay is not great. But at restaurants, you get great service--well, pretty good service, depending on the restaurant. And, if you're cast, you get a ton of shock treatments.

Talking points

Timberlake's granny blabs

While **Justin Timberlake** and **Jessica Biel** may not have confirmed their recent engagement, Timberlake's grandmother is happy to take care of that for him. "Yes, Justin is engaged. Jessica is a very sweet girl, she's upright and everything and we love her," **Sadie Bomar** tells Radar Online. "She's a wonderful campaigner for the environment and Justin is too, a fine young man. Jessica will be a lovely member of the family."

Radcliffe

Radcliffe: I can be 'useless'

Despite having been with girlfriend **Rosie Coker** for almost two years, **Daniel Radcliffe** insists he's far from a great catch. "I'm not an easy person to love," Radcliffe tells Parade magazine. "There are lots of times when I'm a very good boyfriend, but there are times when I'm useless." The biggest problem? That he talks "nonstop," he says. "And she listens to it, and she loves me for my oddness, my awkwardness, all of those things that I hate about myself."

Rimes to expose herself?

While **Lindsay Lohan** was more than happy to bare all in this month's Playboy magazine, the publication hasn't been as lucky with other celebrities. **LeAnn Rimes** says she's been approached repeatedly about appearing nude, according to Hollyscoop. "They've asked me three times. My mom would kill me, but it's flattering," she says.

Ripa and Lowe? Yes, please!

There's been no word on just who will replace **Regis Philbin** now that he's retired from his daytime talk-show, but after two days of guest-hosting with **Kelly Ripa**, **Rob Lowe** is said to be a top contender for the position, according to TMZ. Network sources tell the Web site that ABC executives "loved the chemistry between" Lowe and Ripa. Other front-runners for the position include **Andy Cohen**, **Carson Kressley** and Ripa's husband, **Mark Consuelos**.

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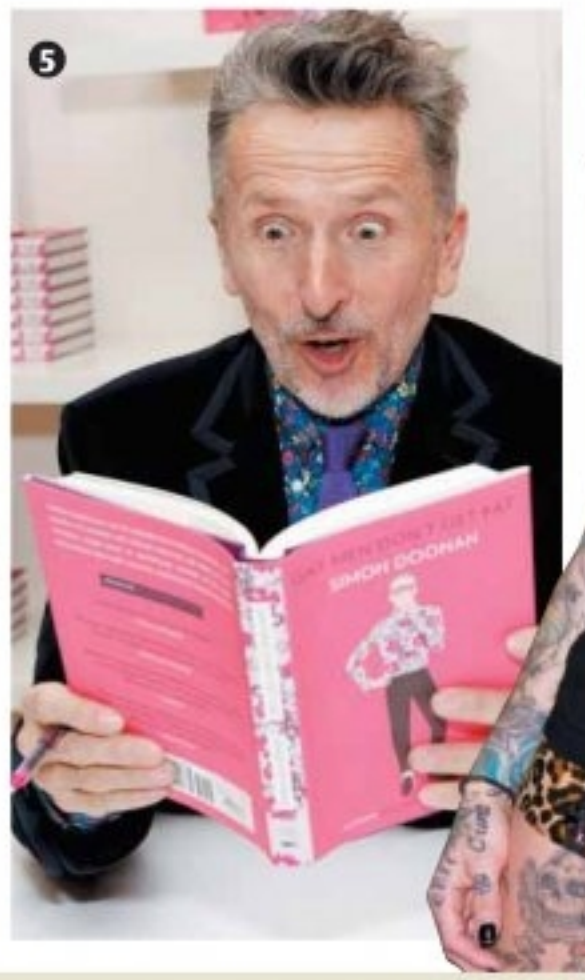
'War Horse,' 'Portlandia' and one tragic forehead tattoo



1. Actor Fred Armisen and actress-singer Carrie Brownstein rocked the red carpet at the start-studded "Portlandia" Season 2 premiere screening at the American Museum of Natural History on Thursday in New York City.

2. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, and Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, appeared at the U.K. premiere of "War Horse" at Odeon Leicester Square on Sunday in London.

3. Actress Michelle Williams debuted her new, bronzed bob at the Palm Springs International Film Festival Awards Gala on Saturday in Palm Springs.

4. Jessica Simpson showed off one hell of a baby bump at the NBC Universal 2012 Winter TCA Tour All-Star Party on Friday in Pasadena.

5. Simon Doonan promoted his book "Gay Men Don't Get Fat" at Barneys New York on Saturday in New York City.

6. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt (check out his cane) also graced the 23rd annual Palm Springs International Film Festival Awards Gala with their presence on Saturday.

7. Michelle "Bombshell" McGee (nice forehead tattoo!) posed at the 2012 Lingerie Female Pillow Fighting Championships (yes, apparently, that exists) at The Deck at Harbor Pointe on Friday in Essington, Pa.

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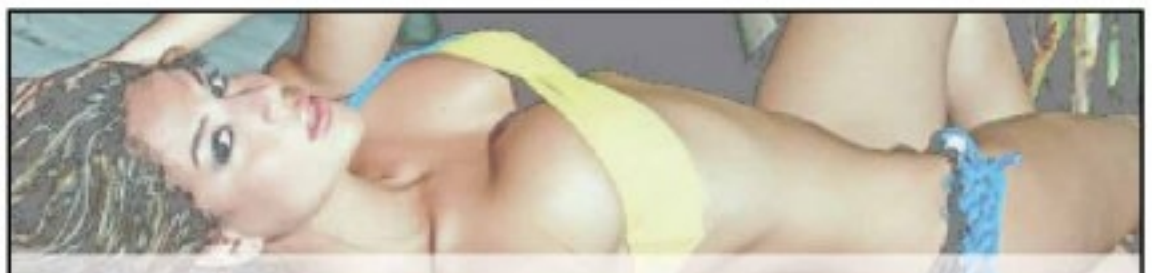

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NBC at TCA: Weekend review

We learned why 'Smash' isn't 'Glee' and that we'll be seeing a lot more of Lucius Malfoy More good news: 'Community' is safe — at least for now

Executives for the networks of NBC Universal presented their midseason offerings at the Television Critics Association press tour in Pasadena, Calif., during the weekend. They offered plenty of insight about the upcoming schedule — if not when some critics' favorites will actually appear on the schedule. The highlights:

'Community'

(Return TBA)
"I wanted to dispel any notion that it's quietly disappearing from the schedule," Robert Greenblatt, chairman of NBC Entertainment, says of the cult comedy. Exactly when it returns to the lineup depends on the performance of the NBC comedies currently on the schedule. As for a fourth season? "I don't know," he says. "Those are hard questions to answer at this point."

'Awake'

(Premiere TBA)
One of the strongest pilots shown by any NBC Universal network, "Awake" stars Jason Isaacs (Lucius Malfoy from the "Harry Potter" films) as a cop who survived a car crash and now seems to live two realities: In one, his wife survived, while in the other, only his son lived. Isaacs calls the concept "a fantastic 'what if.'" While critics give it the thumbs up, it has yet to find a home on NBC's schedule.

▶ Jason Isaacs stars in "Awake."

'The Voice'

(Premieres Feb. 5, 10 p.m.)
Why did "The Voice" catch on with audiences while other new singing competitions (ahem, "The X Factor") failed to capture the zeitgeist? "This show has replaced the idea of finding people who really cannot sing, and know they can't sing, and making a mockery of that," executive producer Mark Burnett says. Judge Christina Aguilera says none of the celebrity mentors would have agreed to do "The Voice" if "ridiculing someone or poking fun at their inability to sing" had been part of the gig. "That's not in support of the business," she says. "It's not in support of anything we do as artists."

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Must-see

▶ The "Smash" team — including (front row, from left) stars Debra Messing, Katharine McPhee and Megan Hilty — talked to critics about the new show at the TCA press tour on Friday.

'Smash'

(Premieres Feb. 6, 10 p.m.)
The most buzzed-about midseason pilot stars Katharine McPhee and Megan Hilty as Broadway wannabes vying for the role of Marilyn Monroe in a musical based on the legend's life. The drama owes a small debt to that other musical drama on TV. "When Ryan Murphy did 'Glee' he broke a great barrier," says "Smash" executive producer Craig Zadan. "We feel grateful to 'Glee' for opening that door."

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From Bond to Blomkvist

Daniel Craig enters the world of Swedish sex crimes in David Fincher's 'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo'

The latest Bond man has recently taken another popular franchise under his wing. Daniel Craig assumes the mantel of investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist in David Fincher's adaptation of the Swedish novel and film series, "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo." Metro got the exclusive scoop on Craig's experience filming the movie and his (imagined) beef with the Kardashian clan.

Now that you've played a journalist, do you have any more sympathy for journalists?
I've always loved journalists. I don't know where this story's come from, that I have a problem with journalists. I have a problem with intrusion — that's something different completely.

There was some financial trouble with the Bond franchise over the last couple of years, but that made it possible for you to do this film.
That's true, it did, yes. I always knew it was going to work itself out. But I'd also kind of said to myself, if it doesn't work out somebody else is going to do it. Bond will be fine.

"Tattoo" has Oscar buzz, but do you worry that the roughness might scare voters off?
Oh look, I can't think about all that. It's such a crazy period. If it offends a few people, good. I hope it does.

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▶ Christopher Plummer, left, and Daniel Craig star in David Fincher's adaptation of "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo."

Craig vs. the Kardashians

In an interview with the U.K. edition of GQ, Craig indirectly called the reality star Kardashians "f—ing idiots." Or did he?

What's the deal between you and them?
I don't know anything about this, and I've never seen the Kardashians. I mean, I have got a vague idea of what they are, but I've never watched the show.

Want to clear anything up?
I've got nothing to clear up. [Laughs] I think I'm probably being set up by somebody here. I don't know what a Kardashian is.

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SPIRIT JUNKIE TIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Each new year I love offering tips for making positive change. Now is the perfect time to make powerful change — your willingness is at an all-time high. Apply these principles, and you'll kick off the new year with a happier approach to life.

Take a ME break

Commit to a ME break at least once a week. Take time out to focus on yourself. This is a powerful habit to create early in the year. Need some suggestions? Take a long yoga class or prepare a nice meal for yourself. My favorite ME break is to take time out for a massage or facial.

Get creative

This year, I commit to spending more time painting. This creative hobby takes me out of my daily patterns and ignites my inner spirit. Pledge to engage in a creative project or even take a trip to the museum. You'll find that time spent in creativity heightens your happiness and gives you more energy for the other areas of your life.

Sit back and receive

I work hard to balance my go-getter mentality with my "sit back and RECEIVE" approach to life. This year, welcome stillness and practice receptivity. Begin today with one of my free Spirit Junkie guided meditations, available at www.gabbyb.tv.

Incorporate these ideas into your daily practices and enjoy the positive results. Trust that the universe has your back, expect miracles and be happy!

— Gabrielle Bernstein is the author of "Spirit Junkie."

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When it comes to dyslexia, diagnosis is never too late

For adult students, understanding the condition can lead to a better education How to get diagnosed

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Undiagnosed dyslexia can interfere, come exam time.

Q&A

Often, we think of dyslexia as a deficit. Are there strengths that tend to be associated with it?

Absolutely. Kids with dyslexia are typically very creative and intuitive. Often, they are very mentally tough, as well, because they've had to navigate a lot of obstacles at school.

For college students who suspect they have dyslexia, seeking help can be a harrowing experience. Georgann Mire is the founder of Mire Consulting, a company that specializes in counseling and advocacy for dyslexic students.

If you suspect that you may be dyslexic, is it important to get a diagnosis — even if you're already in college?

Yes. There are so many ways dyslexic students can get derailed along the way, from final exams to certifications. Any assistance these students can get is going to help them.

Where can students receive a diagnosis?

A diagnosis can be expensive, somewhere around $1,200. This is a big problem, because often this testing stands in the way of a student receiving [his or her] civil rights. Some schools offer testing at their disability center.

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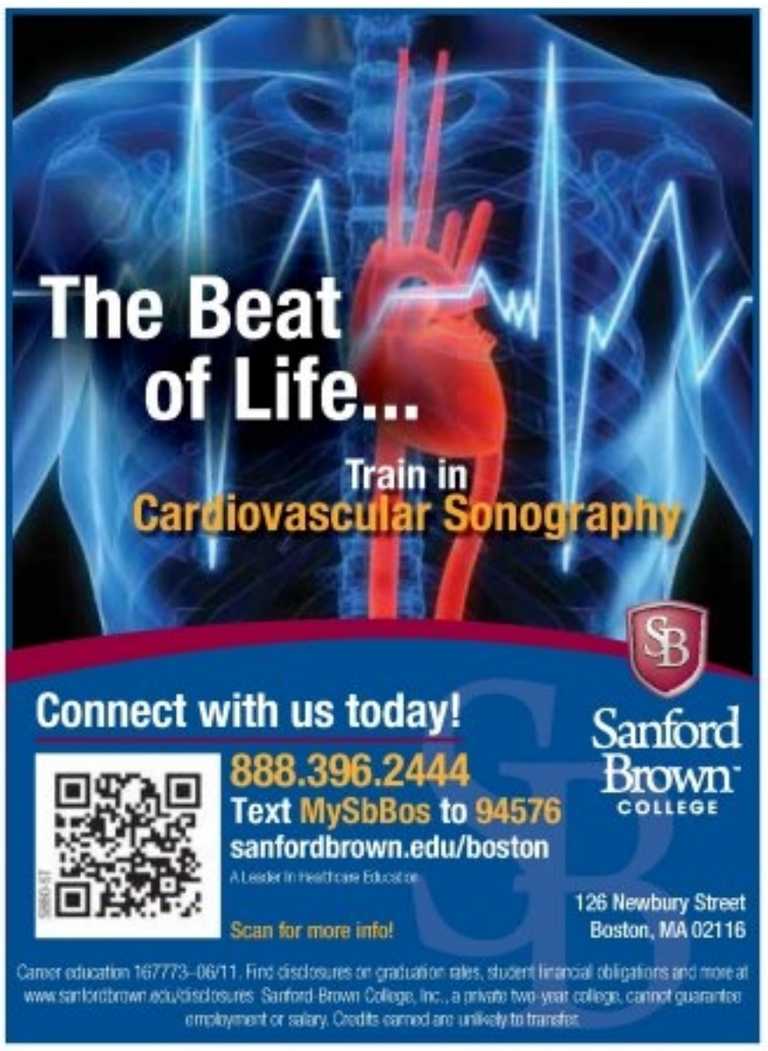
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3 Tips to improve your job in 2012

The new year is the perfect time to take stock of your work life and take measures to make the months ahead even better ◗ Simple ways to be happier and more productive at work

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▶ Now that January is under way, take some time to set goals for the year ahead.

Know what you want

First off, understand what it is that you want to accomplish. "Who do you want to be in 2012?" asks Sarah Hathorn, CEO and founder of Illustra Consulting. "Get crystal clear on your career goals. Challenge yourself to renew and re-create yourself in a way that capitalizes on your talent while it unearths a new you."

NEW IN THE NEW YEAR

Keep it professional

As technology makes it easier to take work home, remember to keep work and your personal life separate. Ed and Ellen Schack — who are, respectively, the CEOs of EES Cosmetic Solutions and Cowabunga Ice Cream — have set a few resolutions for themselves in their home-based businesses. "Answer the phone, fax or e-mail only during business hours," they advise. And never, of course, work in pajamas.

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Get organized

Can't find the latest invoice or memo among endless e-mails? Or maybe it's buried somewhere under the heaps of paper on your desk? Time to think about making this the year you get organized.

Not only should your physical workspace be kept orderly, but you should also have a handle on business expenses — it can save you some real money in 2012.

"The IRS may only need receipts for expenses over $75. However, by not tracking the smaller items, you could be losing potential expenses that can be written off," explains Jane Evans, owner of a Pennsylvania branch of BookKeeping Express. "Organize receipts in categories such as utilities, supplies, contract labor and rent."

COOLSHOOT

▶ Your path not working out? Lore recommends considering many factors when choosing a career — or a new career.

Career directions from 'The Pathfinder'

Sometime in the 1970s, while managing a solar energy company, Nicholas Lore came to the difficult realization that he was simply bored by his job. He promptly embarked on a long journey to discover his true calling, and by 1981 he'd found it: helping others find their true calling. He founded the Rockport Institute in Rockville, Md., and today Rockport is one of the leading career-coaching firms in the country.

His 1998 book, "The Pathfinder," is being rereleased this month by Simon & Schuster, with hundreds of pages of updated material. "The idea is to work like a detective to find clues that will lead you to a place where the whole 'What am I going to do?' question is over," explains Lore.

For Lore, the key is a holistic approach that takes into account far more factors than traditional counselors are willing to consider. "In college, kids don't go to the career center, because they generally know it won't be helpful," says Lore. "What we do is consider many more factors, because if there is just one major piece missing, you can wind up hating what you're doing." BRUCE WALSH

Quoted

"If there is just one major piece missing, you can wind up hating what you're doing."
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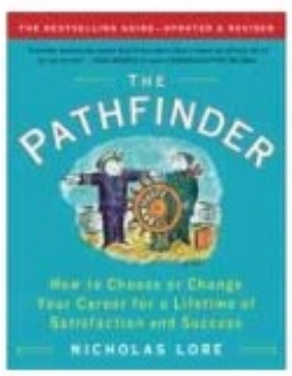
Try it on

In "The Pathfinder," Lore writes that your goal should be to "[design] a career that fits you elegantly, perfectly, like a custom-made suit."



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Your time is over, Obama

RE: "CUT OBAMA SOME SLACK": The Obama apologists are incredible. Even a simpleton can see that his excuse that it would take some time to fix the economy is a preemptive strike against future criticism. As Obama will tell us up until November: "It's still going to take a long time, but hold on a minute, sweetie, just vote me in again and I'll continue." He'll only continue leading America down the path to third-world status.

FRANK DIXON, FRANKLIN

The Obama camp should stop whining about the mess he inherited. Obama may have inherited an economic mess, but he's done nothing in three years but make it worse. A coach in the NFL brought in to turn a losing team around won't keep his job if he doesn't do it in three years. A CEO brought in to turn a failing company around won't keep his job if he doesn't do it in three years. Obama was elected to fix the economy. He said if he didn't do it in three years, he'd be a one-termer. Well?

ALAN HOLBROOK, VIA E-MAIL

Thank you, Jonathan Perry, for your letter regarding President Obama! I've never seen a president so scrutinized as this one. He can't do anything right according to those who want to see him fail.

LENORE MCKINNEY, VIA E-MAIL

Both sides have overfed the Fed

RE: "FEDERAL GOVT. ROBBING US ALL": Kelly Donnoe and Frank St. George's scare story about the Fed is not how it works. Comparing Ben Bernanke to whatever was done 200 years ago is no argument. Respected economists agree that the Fed should increase the money supply in a recession, then tighten it during recovery. We've done it before, it's not a problem. The problem child in Washington is the misguided policies of extremists. Democrats have moved to the center of the political spectrum. Republicans have moved further to the far right wing.

HARRY THORN, VIA E-MAIL

Republicans: Job destroyers

Republicans have always bought what they wanted politically. Look how they punished the middle class who were enjoying home ownership while working at a secure union job. "God the middle class is starting to enjoy a lifestyle similar to ours. Let's buy more politicians and ship these jobs overseas!"

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Horoscope

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** To your credit, you'll establish some meaningful objectives for yourself. By doing so, it's likely that a number of your big targets will be reached.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Go ahead and make the pitch that you've had in the back of your mind. You have the ability and expressive knack to capture the imagination and support of others.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Although most people are likely to find unexpectedly shifting conditions somewhat traumatizing, you're apt to thrive on them. You'll figure out ways to use them to your advantage.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You should make arrangements to meet with a particular person who is important to your immediate plans. If you don't go overboard, he or she can be swayed to your side.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** A substantial portion of your time might be devoted to helping another sort out his or her affairs. You will benefit from your good deed later on.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Keeping busy will be a very pleasant experience for you. Even if a small disturbance or disruption should occur, your frame of mind will help you.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It would be a good idea to tidy up things in places where you see that others have left things dangling. You have a remarkable faculty for organization.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You're entitled to relax and have some fun time, but make sure you have your work done first. If not, mundane activities are likely to eat up most of your day.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Be resourceful and enterprising if you'd like to have an especially good day. It can be remarkably rewarding if you give more meaningful endeavors your attention.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Just because others have offered suggestions, don't hold back your ideas, especially if you think they're better. If your brainstorms have merit, those involved will feel the thunder.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If you get an opening to speak up regarding a debt that is owed you, don't hesitate to take it. People who are short of cash sometimes ignore their obligations as long as possible.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** In many instances, we are inclined to reflect the verve and mood of our companions, which is likely to be the case for you currently. If you're with a sullen type, try to turn it around.

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: EASY**

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

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Solution to weekend's crossword

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Tebow-time revived in NFL wild-card

Broncos nearly blow lead but Tebow's OT magic gives Denver win ◗ Broncos to take on Patriots this Saturday night ◗ Brees, Eli air it out ◗ Foster gallops over Bengals in Houston

Three things we learned on wild-card weekend:

1 Remember me?: Tim Tebow's late-game heroics took nearly a month break, but the Broncos quarterback was back at it yesterday as his 80-yard touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas on the first play from scrimmage in overtime gave Denver a stunning 29-23 victory over the Steelers. Denver will take on the Patriots this Saturday (8 p.m., CBS).

2 Home cookin': The Texans, who played their first playoff game in franchise history, gave their fans plenty of reason to celebrate as Arian Foster ran for 153 yards on 24 carries. Defensive end J.J. Watt sent the home crowd into a frenzy with 52 seconds left in the second quarter when he intercepted Andy Dalton and had a 29-yard return for a touchdown. Houston will play at No. 2-seeded Baltimore next Sunday (1 p.m., CBS). All four home teams won this past weekend.

3 QB Kings: Drew Brees threw for a whopping 466 yards and three touchdowns as New Orleans broke the postseason record for total yards with 626 and beat the Lions, 45-28. The Saints advance to play at San Francisco next Saturday (4:30 p.m., FOX). Eli Manning was tremendous in the Giants 24-2 bashing of Atlanta yesterday as he tossed three touchdowns. He jumpstarted the New York offense in the second quarter with a 14-yard run on a crucial third down. The Giants will play at Green Bay next Sunday (4:30 p.m., FOX).

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Bad Ben Theory

Ben Roethlisberger struggled in the first half against Denver, throwing an interception without a TD and owning a 48.1 QB rating.

Heating up Big Ben did eventually get hot as he tied the game at 23 late in the fourth quarter with a 31-yard TD pass to Jerricho Cotchery.

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▶ Demaryius Thomas' 80-yard touchdown reception in overtime gave Denver a 29-23 win.

In the news

McD's return to Pats

It will be interesting to see how Josh McDaniels and outgoing coordinator Bill O'Brien share the offensive workload Saturday night for the Patriots. Oh ya, and McDaniels used to be the head coach of the Broncos and drafted Tim Tebow.

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Yankees' Posada to retire

Longtime Yankees catcher Jorge Posada will call it a career soon, according to ESPN.

The 40-year-old caught 1,574 games for New York, trailing only Bill Dickey and Yogi Berra on the franchise's all-time list.

Posada has been relegated to a DH role in recent years. He hit .235, had 14 homers and 44 RBIs in 2011.

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Stiemsma a bright spot for sagging C's

Celtics backup center quickly proving that he belongs in NBA • Adds youth to old squad • Shot-blocker who can also knock down open shots

This isn't Eric Montross. This isn't Vitaly Potapenko. This isn't Acie Earl. And this isn't Travis Knight.

Nor is he Kendrick Perkins.

Greg Stiemsma is his own man, and so far, he has looked like a steal for the creaky Celtics.

He has 13 blocks in eight games for the 4-4 C's and has quickly become a defensive presence for a group that desperately needed a jolt of youth.

"Leadership-wise on defense, we're all set," Stiemsma told Metro. "We're not going to get a ton of practice time, but you can already see that we've contested shots better and gotten more stops [recently]. At this point, for us on defense, it's all about execution."

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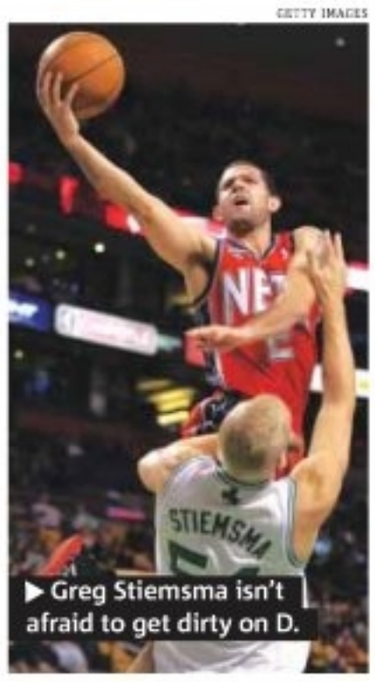

▶ Greg Stiemsma isn't afraid to get dirty on D.

Last Friday's effort against Indiana was a tough one to swallow for Celtics fans, as the Green posted a paltry 25 points in the first half. But lost in the offensive mess was the way the Celtics defense frustrated the suddenly legit Pacers.

Stiemsma and the C's held Indiana to just 40.5 percent from the field.

Already a fan favorite at the Garden, Stiemsma won over his teammates (and Tommy Heinsohn) during a Dec. 28 game at New Orleans, in which the Wisconsin product blocked six shots in 20 minutes of action.

The Celtics are in the midst of an unusual four-day break in the abbreviated schedule and won't play again until Wednesday night when they face off against the defending World Champion Dallas Mavericks (8 p.m., CSNNE).

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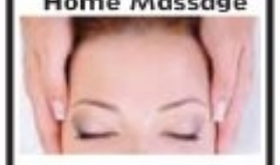

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